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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows an example of an apparatus that may be used to carry out the invention;

FIG. 2 shows a graph comparing the cleaning efficiency of various corks;

FIG. 3 shows the mechanical characteristics of corks under different cleaning conditions;

FIG. 4 shows the effect of a co-solvent on the reduction of microbial growth.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION